

LIVING WITH HENRY

a theatrical epidemic



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Featured as part of the Best of Fringe Uptown 2011, **Living With Henry** is a new musical drama that explores the fear, complications and realities of living with HIV/AIDS today. Though it is no longer a death sentence, the once carefree Michael must learn to come to terms with living with his chronic condition to gain a much deeper understanding of self and the complex world around him.

Acclaimed for its honesty, boldness and inventiveness, NOW Magazine gives **Living With Henry** 5 N's and states, "This fully staged chamber musical, imaginatively directed by Donna Marie Baratta, seems already primed for a professional run. Told through songs - sometimes comic, sometimes heartbreaking - the show has the ring of authenticity and the six-person cast gives passionate, committed performances."

Living With Henry features some of Toronto's best professional musical theatre talents including: Dora Award winning performer **Ryan Kelly** (*The Normal Heart*, *Mamma Mia*), **David Silvestri** (*Stratford Festival*), **Lizzie Kurtz** (*CATS*, *Forever Swing*), **John Edwards** (*Rocky Horror*, *Hairspray*), **Mary Kelly** (*Napolean*) and **Kraig Wayne** (*Songs for a New World*). **Living With Henry** is written by **Christopher Wilson** (book, music & lyrics), directed and choreographed by **Donna Marie Baratta**, musically directed by **James Smith** and stage managed by **Kaitie Winchester**.

Very few dramatic works currently frame HIV as a chronic illness rather than a death sentence, following the stigma created by the epidemic that ravaged the gay community in the 1980's and 90's. Despite abundant resources and incredible medical advancements, there is still a great deal of fear, ignorance and misunderstanding associated with living with HIV - and these issues continue to confront the gay community today.

Though this theatrical piece is specific to HIV/AIDS, it strives to present a universal theme of overcoming seemingly insurmountable challenges - to arrive at a place of peace and deeper understanding. This engaging, entertaining and thought-provoking musical will ideally inspire and challenge others to do the work necessary to overcome their personal obstacles.

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written and composed by **Christopher Wilson**
direction and choreography by **Donna Marie Baratta**
musical direction by **James Smith**

featuring **Ryan Kelly, David Silvestri, Lizzie Kurtz, John Edwards, Mary Kelly** and **Kraig Waye**

stage managed by **Katie Winchester**
assistant stage managed by **Jessica Parr**
lighting design by **Michael Kruse**
set and costume design by **Laura Gardner**

January 4 - January 15, 2012
Factory Theatre Mainspace - 125 Bathurst Street, Toronto @ Adelaide Street

performances:

Wednesday, January 4, 2012 @ 8:45 PM

Friday, January 6, 2012 @ 9:15 PM

Saturday, January 7, 2012 @ 4:45 PM

Sunday, January 8, 2012 @ 2:45 PM

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 @ 8:00 PM

Wednesday, January 11, 2012 @ 6:00 PM

Friday, January 13, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 14, 2012 @ 9:00 PM

Sunday, January 15, 2012 @ 2:30 PM

Please note this is a 90-minute show with no intermission.

Media members please note that latecomers may not be admitted.

ticket prices: \$15 Evening Performances (7:00 PM and after start time)
\$12 Afternoon Performances (6:50 PM or before start time)

tickets go on sale on November 15, 2011 and are available by phoning the NSTF Box Office at (416) 966-1062 (ext. 1) or at www.fringetoronto.com or in person at the Factory Theatre day of show